

THE ULTIMATE FJORD ADVENTURE

TOUR FIT009 / OSLO – OSLO / 10 NIGHTS, 11 DAYS

Explore the most spectacular and panoramic scenery the western part of Norway has to offer on this ultimate Fjord adventure. Cruising through the Geirangerfjord and Nærøyfjord, both listed on the UNESCO Heritage list, as well as discovering the wonders of the Hardangerfjord. Travel on the “Golden Route”, driving up the Troll road from Åndalsnes and down the Eagle road to Geiranger. Board the iconic cruise with Hurtigruten, taking you along the Norwegian coast from Ålesund to Bergen and enjoy famous train rides, such as the Flåm Railway and the Rauma railway.



DAY 1 | ARRIVAL IN OSLO

Arrival at Oslo Airport – Gardermoen - according to your own itinerary.
(Flight reserved by your agency). Transfer to the hotel on your own or by train (see supplements).

Oslo, situated at the head of the Oslo Fjord, is the capital of Norway. Oslo is a great choice to experience architecture, museums and other attractions. We recommend the Norwegian National Opera & Ballet, Holmenkollen Ski Museum & Tower, Akershus Fortress, National Gallery, Viking Ship Museum, Vigeland Sculpture Park, Fram Museum and Norwegian Folk Museum.

Bed and breakfast accommodation at **Thon Hotel Opera**, located in the city center.

DAY 2 | OSLO - ÅNDALSNES

Morning free for your own exploration in Oslo. In the afternoon, board the train in Oslo taking you to Dombås and further on the famous Rauma Railway, passing through the magnificent and dramatic scenery of fjords, mountains and waterfalls. The train goes through 6 tunnels, crosses 32 bridges and stops by the famous vertical rock Trollveggen before continuing to Åndalsnes.

The small village of Åndalsnes is nestled between fjords, high mountains and the river Rauma in Romsdalen valley. Including major natural attractions like the Rauma Railway, the vertical rock Trollveggen and the Romsdalseggen ridge. You can also rent an electric car for 2 persons from Grand Hotel Bellevue for a day to explore the area.

Half board accommodation at **Grand Hotel Bellevue**.

DAY 3 | ÅNDALSNES – TROLLSTIGEN - GEIRANGER

In the morning, walk to the train station in Åndalsnes and board the bus going to Geiranger. Travel on "The Golden Route", one of the most spectacular sightseeing routes in Norway with 85 kilometers of beautiful views. The bus climbs the impressive Trollstigen with its 11 sharp turns and 858 meters of steep mountainside before a short stop at the top to admire the view. The journey continues to the Eagle road with a stop at Ørnesvingen for a breathtaking view of the Geirangerfjord before arriving in Geiranger.

The iconic Geirangerfjord is considered as one of the most beautiful fjords in the world, and is included on the UNESCO World Heritage list. For nature lovers, the Geirangerfjord has plenty to offer. Experience the fjords and the waterfalls from one of the many available sightseeing trips, go hiking in stunning surroundings or experience the fjords from a new perspective in a kayak. Other popular activities in the area include fishing, rafting and cycling.

Half board accommodation at **Union Hotel Geiranger** in rooms with **fjord view**.

DAY 4 | GEIRANGER - ÅLESUND

Enjoy a cruise on the Geirangerfjord, one of the narrowest fjords in Norway. Surrounded by deep blue water, green valley's and magnificent waterfalls such as the "Seven Sisters" & the "Bridal Veil". Cruise the transition from the beautiful Storfjord and Geirangerfjord through narrow straits into the coastal landscape, all the way to Ålesund.

The town of Ålesund has a beautiful setting across several islands stretching out into the Atlantic Ocean, and is known for its architecture in Art Nouveau style, since it was rebuilt in 1904 after a devastating fire. Today the city is the cultural center of the region, and boasts several festivals.

Bed and breakfast accommodation at **Quality Hotel Ålesund**, located in the city center.

DAY 5 | ÅLESUND – BERGEN

Day free for your own exploration of Ålesund. We suggest visiting some of the attractions or museums in Ålesund to get the local histories about the Viking era, the town fire, the fisheries and a breed of people who have a special ability to spot opportunities rather than problems.

In the evening, board the ship with Hurtigruten for a coastal voyage from Ålesund to Bergen. Accommodation in **ocean view cabins**.

DAY 6 | BERGEN

Enjoy breakfast in the morning while passing by the breathtaking entrance of the Sognefjord and the many Islands located between Florø and Bergen. Admire the spectacular landscapes from deck or in the panorama lounge before arriving in Bergen.

Afternoon and evening free for your own exploration of Bergen.

Bergen is Norway's 2nd largest city, and is known as the capital of the west and gateway to the fjords. It is a UNESCO world heritage city with Bryggen hanseatic wharf, mount Fløyen and the fish market as central attractions. We also recommend a visit to Edward Grieg's villa & Troidhaugen.

Bed and breakfast accommodation at **Clarion Hotel Admiral**, located in the city center.

DAY 7 | BERGEN

Day free for continuing your own exploration of Bergen. We suggest a stroll through Bryggen hanseatic wharf, once a center of the Hanseatic League's trading empire, featuring colorful wooden houses preserved from the middle ages and the fish market. We also suggest taking the funicular or a hike up to the Fløyen Mountain for panoramic views over Bergen and the surrounding mountains and fjords. You can also enjoy lunch or dinner at Mount Fløyen while admiring the incredible view.

Bed and breakfast accommodation at **Clarion Hotel Admiral**, located in the city center.

DAY 8 | BERGEN – HARDANGERFJORD - ULVIK

Transfer by bus from Bergen to Norheimsund, located right by the beautiful Hardangerfjord. Board a ship for a crossing on the majestic Hardangerfjord from Norheimsund to Eidfjord. The 179 km Hardangerfjord is one of the longest in the world, and 40% of all Norwegian fruit is grown in the surrounding areas.

Disembark in Eidfjord and join the audio guided bus tour Go Vøringsfossen, which will take you to the Norwegian Nature Centre in Hardanger. This national park center celebrates Norwegian nature, climate and environment through a range of interactive exhibits. Next stop on the tour is the incredible Vøringsfossen waterfall with a dramatic fall of 182 meters. Get a closer look at this spectacular waterfall by walking to the viewing platform before ending the tour back in Eidfjord. Board the ferry in Eidfjord for another cruise on the Hardangerfjord to Ulvik.

Half board accommodation at **Brakanes Hotell** in rooms with **fjord view**.

DAY 9 | ULVIK - FLÅM

Transfer by bus from Ulvik to Voss. Board the Bergen Railway from Voss, one of the world's most scenic train rides, which will take you to the mountain station of Myrdal. The station is located 866 meters above sea level, and corresponds with the spectacular Flåm Railway.

Board the famous Flåm Railway, one of the most beautiful and steepest standard-gauge railway lines in the world, with 80% of the journey at a gradient of 5.5%. The train runs through spectacular scenery, alongside the Rallar Road, vertiginous mountainsides, foaming waterfalls and through 20 tunnels before arriving in Flåm. Check in at the hotel before your next adventure.

In the afternoon, enjoy a fjord safari suitable for all ages on a 1,5 hours tour going through the Aurlandsfjord and to the entrance of the Nærøyfjord on a RIB boat. Get closer to the small villages and waterfalls along the fjords. Listen to stories, tales and history shared by your personal guide while having a big chance of seeing the wild seals, porpoises and eagles during the safari. You will be provided with all the necessary gear for a safe and comfortable experience.

Half board accommodation at **Flåmsbrygga Hotel** in rooms with **balcony** and **fjord view**.

DAY 10 | FLÅM - OSLO

Board the Flåm Railway in Flåm, taking you back up to the high mountains at Myrdal Station. Change trains in Myrdal to the Bergen Railway, which will take you back to Oslo.

Rest of the day free to continue your exploration of Oslo. We recommend a stroll along Aker Brygge and the Akershus fortress. You can also join a fjord cruise on the Oslofjord as well as several city tours by coach with HMK. Possibility to book in advance, contact us for more information and prices.

Bed and breakfast accommodation at **Thon Hotel Opera**, located in the city center.

DAY 11 | DEPARTURE FROM OSLO

After breakfast at your hotel and time on your own for further exploration of Oslo, depending on your flight, transfer to Oslo Airport – Gardermoen on your own or by train (see supplements) - for your return flight according to your own itinerary (flight reserved by your agency).

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SERVICES INCLUDED

Accommodation

- 4 Nights accommodation in double rooms with shower/WC incl. dinner & breakfast
- 5 Nights accommodation in double rooms with shower/WC incl. breakfast
- Fjord view rooms at Union Hotel Geiranger
- Fjord view rooms at Brakanes Hotell
- Fjord view and balcony rooms at Flåmsbrygga Hotel

Overnight cruise in Norway

- Overnight cruise Ålesund - Bergen, accommodation in 2-berth ocean view cabins with shower/WC, breakfast on board included

Domestic ferries in Norway

- Geiranger – Ålesund
- Norheimsund – Eidfjord
- Eidfjord – Ulvik

Train & Bus

- Oslo Railway / Oslo – Åndalsnes
- Åndalsnes – Trollstigen – Geiranger by bus
- Bergen – Norheimsund by bus
- Ulvik – Voss by bus
- Bergen Railway / Voss – Myrdal & Myrdal - Oslo
- Flåm Railway / Myrdal – Flåm & Flåm - Myrdal
- Oslo Railway / Lillehammer – Oslo

Activities

- Go Vøringsfossen Tour in Hardanger
- Fjord Safari in a RIB boat on the Aurlandsfjord/Sognefjord

Entrances

- Norwegian Nature Center in Hardanger